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SUBJECT: CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION STATEMENT

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

EDMONDSON FROM BOWDLER

1. I WOULD APPRECIATE BY TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 29, ANY
SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOR
CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY:

QUOTE. MR. STATE PRESIDENT: I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT
THIS LETTER OF CREDENCE APPOINTING ME AMBASSADOR EXTRA-
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AMERICA IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. PERMIT ME ALSO,

YOUR EXCELLENCY, TO PRESENT THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY
PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR JOHN G. HURD.

WITH THE APPROACHING BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF MY
COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE, AMERICANS ARE PARTICULARLY MINDFUL
OF HISTORICAL TIES WITH OTHER NATIONS. OFFICIAL CONTACTS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA GO BACK TO

1799 WITH THE NAMING OF THE FIRST AMERICAN CONSUL TO
CAPE TOWN. OVER ALMOST TWO CENTURIES, A WIDE VARIETY OF
RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES ON BOTH THE OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE LEVELS.

MY PREDECESSORS HAVE BUILT A TRADITION OF FULL AND FRANK
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN. I PLAN
TO FOLLOW THAT TRADITION. I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO MEET-
ING WITH SOUTH AFRICANS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN ALL
PARTS OF YOUR RICH AND BEAUTIFUL LAND AND THEREBY TO
CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR
NATIONS.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, YOUR EXCELLENCY, TO CONVEY TO
YOU, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA, THE GOOD WISHES OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. UNQUOTE.

2. PLEASE TELL CHIEF OF PROTOCOL GROBLER HOW GRATEFUL I
AM FOR ARRANGEMENTS HE HAS MADE FOR ME TO PRESENT
CREDENTIALS. I WILL HAVE COPIES OF CREDENTIALS AND
STATEMENT WITH ME ON ARRIVAL AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT.

3. YOUR 435 STATES THAT I SHOULD ADHERE TO MY ORIGINAL
PLAN TO GO TO CAPE TOWN ON MAY 6. PLEASE CONFIRM MY
RESERVATIONS ON SA-323 ARRIVING CAPE TOWN AT 6:30 P.M.
DECONTROL 5/15/75. KISSINGER

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